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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am an elementary school teacher and I use the Internet. I use it a lot. I use Internet at home, in my classroom, in cafes, at friends' houses; I use it for fun, to stay informed, and to plan the best lessons possible for my students.

I want to make sure it's clear that most of the time I spend on the computer is in service of my students. Without access to competitive Internet pricing, I would not be able to do my job. Literally. I do not get paid enough to be stuck with only one or two of the most expensive Internet providers. I want more competition so I can feasibly afford the plan that works for me, and still gives me access to the best resources available for successfully teaching the next generation of Americans.

I currently choose Sonic Internet in Oakland, CA because I am lucky enough to have an option beyond just AT&T or Comcast. I don't have time to watch the TV programs I'd be required to pay for with a larger service, and I don't want to waste my money or time trying to finagle a deal for a more cost-effective service. Sonic has the most friendly, timely customer service folks, and they are local too. I love supporting local businesses any chance I can, and hey -- if it saves me money, and their services are competitive, great! I am here for that.

Please do not hike up prices that increase the cost of internet and/or telephone services. No one in our country can waste any money on that right now -- certainly not teachers (nor firefighters, but that's a tangential bone to pick). With everything changing so quickly, we all need to be able to connect to each other and the world as quickly as possible. I support broadband competition and competitive deployment.

Thank you for your time.

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